

December 8, 2014

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Notes from facilities meeting :

After the run through from Karen, lots of discussion ensued. Major thoughts from Nick Salmon and others below.

The goal is to make the most out of remodel dollars while considering building code and the structural integrity of the building. We want to cover maintenance and efficiency but also achieve the most possible in terms of teaching and learning.

A public survey will occur in January to give us a feel for what size bond the public will support. This will give Hellgate a better sense of dollars available.

A structural analysis of the building will be complete in January. This will also give us more information about what is possible for remodel and additional space. This will also influence the extent of plans.

Conversations have begun with Beach about the possibility of expanding to the North – between Sparkle and Hellgate. This is only discussion at this point.

If land purchases are in the future, Nick advised trying to purchase the entire block to the north of Hellgate. Makes for added possibilities – including parking.

The stairs to the old gym from the ground level will have to stay as is if the gym stays to accommodate large crowds during events.

Given the stair to the gym remaining, the entrance and main administration/reception area may have to move toward the north. A “safety” entrance would include, an arrival space with energy vestibule and a front office where visitors could not proceed into the building unless given authorization to do so.

There were several considerations about this plan to keep in mind moving forward:

1. Will the Hellgate elementary expansion go through and how will this affect the student population, funding, etc.
2. This is a long-term investment and should be considered relative to continued bandaids on an old building. A remodeled structure will potentially save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating costs each year.
3. How does a different schedule address classroom space needs?
4. How does a remodel accommodate special education needs?
5. Will adequate teacher prep spaces be available?

6. If the Beach property becomes part of Hellgate, how about moving the cafeteria to join the commercial kitchen and FACS and then rearrange the current cafeteria for other instructional use?
7. A move like in 6 would also free up the current delivery space to be modified for a variety of uses.

Suggestions for the Thursday meeting with staff:

1. Present all the individual staff needs and reflect on priorities.
2. Show the IDEAS generated so far, given inputs from the departments.
3. Make very clear that **MUCH WILL LIKELY CHANGE** as we get more departmental and individual input, learn more about structural possibilities, and learn more about the money available.

There is probably much that I missed, please be sure to add what you heard!!